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## Committee rejects idea of minimum requirement

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Deeming a mathematics department proposal calling for minimum grades in certain courses as "too competitive," the Academic Policies Committee rejected the idea by a vote of 14-3.

At a recent committee meeting, there was "considerable" discussion concerning the proposal which had been tabled "since last year" for the lack of time to properly consider it.

The first part of the proposal states "that only courses in which a student has earned a grade of 'C' or above can be used to satisfy departmental mathematics requirements for the major in mathematics or mathematics education."

The second half of the proposal would call for the student to earn a cumulative grade-point average of 2.3 in all upper division mathematics courses "used to satisfy departmental requirements for the major in mathematics or mathematics education."

"We (the faculty members of the mathematics department) just wanted to do something to promote excellence within the math department," said Dr. Larry Martin, mathematics department head.

According to Dr. Floyd Belk, chairman of the committee, the main problem facing the proposal was that if one department "was given the privilege of establishing GPA standards, there would be competition across campus by each department seeking their own GPA rule."

"This proposal was thought of two years ago when the College was changing the graduation with honors requirements," Martin said. "The College was making it more stringent to graduate with honors."

All Missouri Southern students must have at least a 2.0 GPA to graduate. The lone exception is the education department, which has a 2.5 minimum dictated by the state.

Belk said that from last year's graduating class of 400 baccalaureate-degree students, only 14 had less than a 2.3 GPA. Under this proposal, only "two or three" students over the last five years would have been affected.

Belk also added that "good grades are important" and that a 'C' was and still is an honorable grade.

"Part of our thinking behind this proposal," said Martin, "was that a student can do better in his major than somewhere else."

"We think they should do a little bit better than average in their major."

Martin said there were direct feelings of uneasiness during the committee meeting concerning this proposal, and "the members raised legitimate reasons with honest academic concerns."

"We wanted to emphasize quality," he said. "To do more than the minimum to graduate, it might change the student's outlook."

One possible concern about the proposal is that there is not much difference between a 2.3 and a 2.9 GPA.

"It's an arbitrary line," Martin said. "A 'C' is still a 'C'."

Another concern with a possible minimum grade standard is that it might put more pressure on the instructor to give higher grades.

"We'll be bringing another proposal to the Academic Policies Committee, but it will probably pertain to the College—not just the math department," said Martin.



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Fashion show

Kristin Anderson, one of the seven Homecoming royalty finalists, models a merchant's outfit in Tuesday night's fashion show at Joplin's Northpark Mall.

## Many Homecoming events left for tomorrow, Saturday

Although Homecoming week comes to a close Saturday, there are still more than 10 events scheduled for the rest of the week.

For this year's Renaissance Homecoming, a talent show, a fashion show, the judging of Homecoming banners, and a Float Day, in which students made their own ice cream floats, have already been concluded.

In the talent show, Tammy Holden placed first in the individual competition. Laurie Jesse won second, and Mary Hanewinkel came in third.

In the group competition, Todd Year-ton and Rob Luther did a comedy selection and placed first. The Pencils, an ROTC group, took second. Midnight Run, representing the Campus Activities Board, finished third.

The final Homecoming royalty candidates are Leigh Sagar, Susan Wettstein, Angela Reichman, Tiffany Jakse, Kristin Anderson, Letitia Winans, and Sherry Sagar. Tomorrow at noon the queen will be crowned and the members of her court will be named.

The Homecoming cookout is scheduled for tomorrow from 10-40 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

"The cookout, this year, is open to every student at Missouri Southern," said Val Williams, campus activities director. "In the past, the cookout has been free to full-time, fee-paying students because we already had their money."

"Part-time students, faculty, and everybody else had to pay \$2.75. This year, however, we have started charging the \$10 of part-time students, so they can get in free now, too. Just to simplify matters, we're going to let faculty in as well."

According to Williams, the CAB is expecting "in the vicinity of maybe 3,000 folks at the picnic this year."

The Renaissance Ball is scheduled for 8 p.m. tomorrow at the John Q. Hammons Trade Center in Joplin.

"Last year was our 50th anniversary, and we decided to have a special event for the alumni, the faculty, and the students," said Williams. "And since it was a special occasion, we decided to invite anybody that had ever had anything to do with the College: alumni, faculty, staff, students, friends of the College, Board of Regents, and people who had given big gifts in the Homecoming A-Thon."

"It went over really well, so we just decided we would do it again this year."

There is no admission charge for the dance. C. Fox and Company will provide the music and entertainment.

A Homecoming parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday on Main Street. The football game, with Southern playing host to the Washburn Ichabods, starts at 2:30 p.m.

After the game, there will be a family-style buffet in the Connor Ballroom in the Billingsly Student Center for everyone.

## Ashcroft may release funds in December

Southern's 3% would amount to \$351,788

BY ROBERT J. SMITH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With Gov. John Ashcroft withholding \$351,788 from Missouri Southern this year, some state officials expect the funds to be released to the College as early as mid-December.

Ashcroft annually withholds as much as 3 percent of the higher education state appropriations to guard against a shortfall of revenue in the state treasury.

"We understand he has a constitutional obligation to have a balanced budget," Leon said. "Everyone understands that."

"At times one might question whether the monies are there for the revenues to be released."

Leon said Southern has not spent as much as it could on library books and campus equipment. If the money were released, he would like to see it targeted to those areas.

"You would love to have money for

"It is my impression that he [Ashcroft] will release the money in mid-December. If the revenues continue to come in at the current rate, he should be able to release the money."

—Dr. Shaila Aery, state commissioner

According to Dr. Shaila Aery, Missouri commissioner for higher education, state revenue is coming in this year at a rate higher than originally anticipated.

"It is my impression that he [Ashcroft] will release the money in mid-December," Aery said. "If the revenues continue to come in at the current rate, he should be able to release the money."

Last year Ashcroft withheld 2.72 percent of Southern's appropriations, for a total of \$301,480. This year, he is withholding the full 3 percent.

"I've talked with the Governor's staff," Aery said. "They said state revenues are coming in at a rate of about 8 percent. We can usually expect a rate of about 7 percent."

According to Southern President Julia Leon, Ashcroft has withheld more than \$665,000 from Southern during the last three fiscal years.

"The reason for withholding is to guard against the possibility of funds not coming in at a sufficient rate," said Tony Moulton, assistant director of the Missouri division of budget and planning. "What he has done is prevented the use of the total appropriation."

According to Leon, he and other college presidents in the state "don't like" the withholding, but they understand Ashcroft's position.

equipment and books," Leon said. "Those are the things we've been neglecting in order to give priority to salaries."

Charles McClain, president of Northeast Missouri State University, said his school would use the released money for the purchase of needed equipment.

"I'm a little optimistic about it being released," McClain said. "If it's going to be used effectively, it needs to be released by mid-January."

Leon said at the time budgeting takes place, it is difficult for Ashcroft to determine whether sufficient funds will be available for an early release.

"How can you tell that the bottom is not going to fall out?" Leon said. "I don't like it, but I recognize that he is in charge of the whole state."

"The alternative is a governor that does not withhold the money. One has to be fair. He has an obligation for a balanced budget."

If Ashcroft does release some of the funds, there is no stipulation that says he has to give the money back to the same state institution or program. Moulton said the money could go to higher education, or it could go somewhere else.

"There are other factors that come into play," Moulton said. "There is the possibility of unanticipated high costs in other state programs."



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Talent show

Jeff Morrissey, president of the Campus Activities Board, took part in Monday night's talent show.

## 'The Chart' receives second Regional Pacemaker

In a competition sponsored by the Associated Collegiate Press, *The Chart* has been named a Regional Pacemaker.

A panel of judges from the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* named 20 Regional Pacemaker recipients throughout the nation. *The Chart* was the only newspaper selected from Missouri.

College and university student newspapers were required to submit six edi-

tions from the 1988 spring semester. Five of the issues had to be published consecutively.

The awards will be presented on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the ACP's national convention in Atlanta. Several members of *The Chart* staff have made plans to attend.

Seven National Pacemakers have been chosen from among the 20 regional recipients, with those selections to be

announced at the convention.

"It's been a goal of *The Chart* for years to win a National Pacemaker," said Robert Smith, editor-in-chief. "But right now we're just happy to have won the Regional Pacemaker; the competition for that is really stiff."

*The Chart* was one of 11 Regional Pacemaker recipients in 1986, when *The Washington Post* conducted the judging.

## College's growth does not shock Ellis

BY MARK R. MULIK  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Not surprised with how much the College has changed since he attended it, Marion Ellis, one of this year's Outstanding Alumni, says he is pleased with Missouri Southern's growth.

"What I remember about it (Joplin Junior College) was that it was a very close-knit community," said Ellis. "That was a really good feeling—a family feeling."

While he was going to Joplin Junior College, Ellis worked 48 hours per week at *The Joplin Globe*. During his sophomore year, 1958-59, he was editor of *The Chart*, served as president of the YCMA Club, and was a member of the Student Senate.

"Looking back on it now, I'd say that



Marion Ellis

was impossible," said Ellis.

"I remember Cletis Headlee (emeritus professor of English and former adviser to *The Chart*). She was always trying to get us to raise our standards. Nothing was ever good for her enough the first time."

"Ms. Headlee is a living embodiment of a dedicated teacher, and I am a living example of all the teaching she was trying to do."

He attended the school of journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia upon graduating from JJC. Ellis said he lost this "family feeling" at UMC, which had "26,000 students."

"You got a lot of individual instruction (at JJC) you couldn't get at a bigger institution," he said.

After getting his bachelor of journalism degree in 1961, Ellis completed one semester of graduate study at UMC. Then, he served active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon leaving, he went to Charlotte, N.C., and joined the staff of *The Charlotte Observer* in September 1962.

In 1981, with *The Observer*, he was part of a five-member team which was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for public ser-

vice for a series of articles on brown lung, or cotton dust, disease.

In August 1986, Ellis became regional manager of the Charlotte office of Business Wire, a national, private, wire service. As regional manager, he was responsible for Business Wire operations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. The company, which has about 10,000 clients nationally, electronically distributes press releases for its clients.

"I'm co-owner now of two publications—*Southeast Magazine* and *Southeast Shopper*," said Ellis. "As of Oct. 1, I'm co-owner of this."

"This is what I've always wanted to do—to own my own paper," Ellis said.

Ellis is married and has two children, Maggie and Elizabeth. His wife, Dianah, has her own counseling and training business in Charlotte.

Said Ellis, "I've got two daughters in college. One is at Swarthmore College (in Pennsylvania)—the same college Dukakis went to—and the other is at Earlham College (in Indiana). They're both fine institutions, but I don't think they've had the growth Missouri Southern has had."

## Missouri educator recalls her start at junior college

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

After 45 years of teaching in various levels of education, Mary Jane Grundler has been chosen one of Missouri Southern's Outstanding Alumni.

Grundler and the other two recipients will be honored tomorrow and Saturday as part of Homecoming festivities.

"I think it's wonderful to be a recipient of this award," said Grundler. "I've always had a warm spot in my heart for the junior college and for Missouri Southern."

Grundler, a professor of education at the University of Missouri, retired in 1985.

She graduated from Joplin Junior College in 1940 with an associate degree in education. She said if it were not for JJC, she might not have furthered her education beyond business school.

"I found Joplin Junior College a great opportunity because some of the people were financially unable to go outside the Joplin area," she said. "It really met a need for a lot of people."

Grundler admits that the junior college was small, but said that only attributed to the college's overall character and appeal to the student.

"It was small," she said. "But, when I look back over a couple of yearbooks, I see fellow classmates and think there was such friendly relations and good attitudes between the faculty and the students."

"The college took pride in picking out each student and taking an interest in him. The faculty had high expectations of the students. There was a careful guidance and very thorough instruction that strongly prepared me for continuing my education."

During the 1940s, Grundler taught in

five different school systems. Directly out of college, she taught for one year in a "one room, rural school" in the Shiloh District, six miles north of Carthage. From 1941-43, Grundler taught elementary grades in Duenweg.

In 1943, Grundler served as the business education teacher at Seneca High School for two years. In 1945, she went to Lindenwood College in St. Charles, an all-woman's college at the time.

Finally, in 1947, Grundler found her last educational calling at the University of Missouri as a business instructor in the laboratory school. She stayed here for 38 years and was the faculty member with the longest tenure at the time of her retirement.

While at UMC, Grundler completed her bachelor of science degree in education (1947), master's degree (1949), and doctorate (1960).

Presently, Grundler is active in many organizations, including charity work.

She and her husband, Francis, enjoy traveling, gardening, and working around the house. She is especially looking forward to celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 25.

Thinking back on her junior college days, Grundler remembers two instructors who had the most impact on her.

"Ada Coffey and Edna Drummond stand out highly in my memory," she said.

Coffey was her English instructor, and Drummond was her biological science instructor.

"They were highly respected scholars in their fields," she said. "They were masters in the art of teaching. I think of them as truly ladies in every sense of the word."

Grundler has never been on Southern's campus (she has driven by many times), but she has kept track of what has happened throughout the years.

"I think of Joplin Junior College as one building, at Fourth and Byers," said Grundler. "Now, with 37 or 38 buildings at Southern, I visualize a pretty campus with a fine variety of programs."

"To think that a little two-year school could eventually evolve into a fine, four-year college, it's like a dream come true."



Mary Jane Grundler

## Class sizes, opportunities led Headlee to JJC

BY JOHN FORD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Smaller class sizes and a better opportunity to be closer to the instructors were two factors behind Robert Headlee's decision to attend Southern.

Headlee was recently named one of three Outstanding Alumni for the College.

Headlee, who began attending the College in 1965, graduated in 1971. When he first began studies, the College was located at Eighth and Wall.



Robert Headlee

"Basically, the College was a two-year institution at that time," said Headlee. "Then, two years later (1967), we went out to the new campus. Obviously, it was a beautiful campus; it was in the first stages of growth."

During his years at Southern, Headlee worked at several grocery stores.

"It was somewhat convenient, being able to commute from home, to school, and then to work," Headlee said. "I appreciated the ability to work and still attend college and gain an education."

"Southern provides an excellent environment for learning," he said. "It has a beautiful campus. I didn't fully appreciate the layout of the campus and the scenery while I was at school. In fact, I came to a greater appreciation when I toured other college campuses."

Headlee described several faculty members as influential, including Dr.

Keith Larimore, professor of business; James Gray, assistant professor of business; Dr. John Tiede, now vice president for business affairs; and Harry Gockel, an instructor of social science.

"Harry Gockel was a tough teacher," said Headlee. "He was very knowledgeable and he challenged us. He made us buckle down and learn."

"At the time I didn't understand why we needed to take arts and sciences courses. However, now I'm glad I had the experience of a well-rounded education."

Currently, Headlee is division president of Fleming Foods in Joplin.

"This is one of about 35 divisions of performing companies, and I have total responsibility of the management of this entire facility," he said.

Headlee first joined the organization in 1975 and served for nearly five years as a sales service representative.

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# No-smoking motion fails

Senate also defeats plus/minus grading motion

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK  
MANAGING EDITOR

Old business dominated the Faculty Senate meeting Monday as the Senate handily defeated a motion that would have banned smoking on campus, except in private offices and residence halls.

The motion, originally proposed by Dr. Allen Merriam, Senate secretary, failed on a voice vote. A proposal by the communications department to ban smoking everywhere on campus may be brought before the Senate at a later date.

The Senate also endorsed a new syllabus format Monday while defeating a motion that asked the Academic Policies Committee to conduct further research into a plus/minus grading system. All three issues on the agenda Monday were tabled at the Oct. 3 meeting.

Before discussion began, a statement from the Student Senate in favor of a smoking ban was read by Dr. Paul Teverow, Faculty Senate president.

Sallie Beard, Senate vice president, said a no-smoking policy would be "unenforceable." She added that an amendment prohibiting smokeless tobacco would be "desirable."

College President Julio Leon said, "There is no question that ideally we would have a better situation if nobody smoked. The College has tried to restrict smoking to smoking areas. My question is how do you enforce something like that?"

Said Beard, "It's been shown through research and studies that smokeless tobacco is just as harmful as cigarettes. I think this needs to be included."

Dr. Vernon Balamonte, head of the physical science department, noted two options, saying the College "has to start somewhere."

"We need to start removing ashtrays in the halls," Balamonte said. "Once a student sees an ashtray in the hall, that student assumes it's OK to begin smoking. I think we need to put up 'no smoking' signs to let the students know it's not allowed."

Balamonte also made reference to the College's new wellness program.

"If we are to be honest with a wellness program, we can't expose our lungs to hazardous fumes."

However, Beard maintained that the greatest problem of a smoking policy would be to enforce it. Dr. Glenn Do-

lence, vice president for student affairs, said "enforceability would be very difficult."

Marion Sloan, associate professor of physics, said that if the College banned smoking campus-wide, Southern would also have to prohibit students from driving to campus.

"Cars also put out carcinogens," Sloan said. "Are we going to tell students they can't drive their cars to school?"

"It doesn't bother me if they (smokers) go and smoke in the designated areas. If they want to kill themselves, let them."

Dr. Vernon Peterson, associate professor of communications, criticized the "tyranny of the majority," that Dr. Henry Harder, professor of English, referred to in an article in last week's edition of *The Chart*.

"Professor Harder spoke of the 'tyranny of the majority,'" Peterson said. "In a democracy, the decisions are made by majority rule, and I do not know of an alternative to that."

"I would not want the Senate to be motivated to defeat something out of fear that what we're doing is right. I think this proposal is right."

Larry Karst, counselor, objected to the claims of majority rule by Peterson, saying that "everything is not decided by the majority."

"We can't apply the majority rule in all situations," said Karst.

The plus/minus grade scale has drawn opposition from the Student Senate. In a statement read before discussion on the issue, the Student Senate said it "does not agree that the addition of pluses and minuses to the grading system would benefit the students or the faculty of our institution."

During discussion, senators gave results of "informal polls" they had conducted within their own departments. It was found that while departments such as communications and fine arts were in favor of the changes, the majority of instructors in the nursing and business programs were "overwhelmingly opposed."

"We have an inordinate amount of 4.0 students," said Dr. Barry Brown, assistant professor of English. He said changes in the grading scale would help in distinguishing students and help the College "get away from a top-heavy graduating class."

Karst called such a change "superfluous," saying a change would "throw confusion" into the way students are evaluated.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK R. MULLER

## Speed control

Recently, the Joplin Police Department has been monitoring Newman Road near the College more heavily. Monday, in this parking lot near Kuhn Hall, a Joplin police officer questioned this driver, who was allegedly speeding on Newman Road in order to get his girlfriend to class on time.

## Senate hears funding requests, no-smoking plea

Three funding requests and a plea from Ann Marlowe were the main points of interest at last night's Student Senate meeting.

Marlowe, professor of English, addressed the Senate concerning the proposed smoking ban.

"I'm here to plead for my health and my life," said Marlowe. "I don't mind giving up my life for my country, but for residual tobacco smoke, it's a sad thing."

Marlowe cited several statistics concerning the effects of smoke on non-smokers and said that, in her 17 years with the College, there have been seven major surgeries "in my department alone."

Marlowe is presently forming an organization called the MSSC Coalition for Clean Air. The group's first meeting is set for 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 313 of the Billingsly Student Center.

Also before the Senate was a request for \$375 from Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, for Tina Meine to attend the Annual Area Conference in Dallas, Nov. 11-12.

Shelby, a program consultant for the

After debate, the Senate decided to allocate \$330 for the trip. The group needed \$480 for its trip, with Kappa Delta Pi allotting \$105 for it.

The Student Nurses Association requested \$1,000 help fund a trip to a statewide convention of Missouri student nurses.

The third resolution before the Senate was that of the Council for Exceptional Children requesting \$350.

The Senate approved \$304 to be allocated to the CEC for this trip.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

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## Graduate to speak on dangers of secondhand smoke

Speaking on the dangers of second-hand smoke, Jerri Lynn Shelby will make a presentation at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 313 of the Billingsly Student Center.

Shelby, a program consultant for the

American Lung Association in Springfield, will emphasize the value of clean air, particularly in the educational environment. Shelby is a 1988 communications graduate of Missouri Southern.

The presentation will include informa-

tion on the effects of tobacco smoke on non-smokers.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## A 'C' is a 'C'

While a proposal to implement a minimum grade-point average in the mathematics department has failed, the disadvantages should be noted to discourage other departments from adopting such a resolution.

A grade of 'C' is still a 'C,' so why raise departmental requirements to 2.3? Sure, it looks better on the record, but does this mean the student has learned more? Also detracting from the appeal of this proposal is that it would discourage many students who previously were satisfied with straight 2.0's. Since the student would have to receive a 2.3, unnecessary pressure would be placed on the instructor to give that student better than a 'C' grade.

Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, said that a 'C' has long been considered an "honorable" achievement. Whether that 'C' comes in the form of a 2.0 or 2.3 GPA is irrelevant.

Is it the duty of each department to better the grading system individually, or should Southern raise its graduating requirement as a whole? As with the plus/minus proposal, hassle and bickering would surely result.

It is entirely up to the student to determine what grade a student receives.

## Frazier sets good example

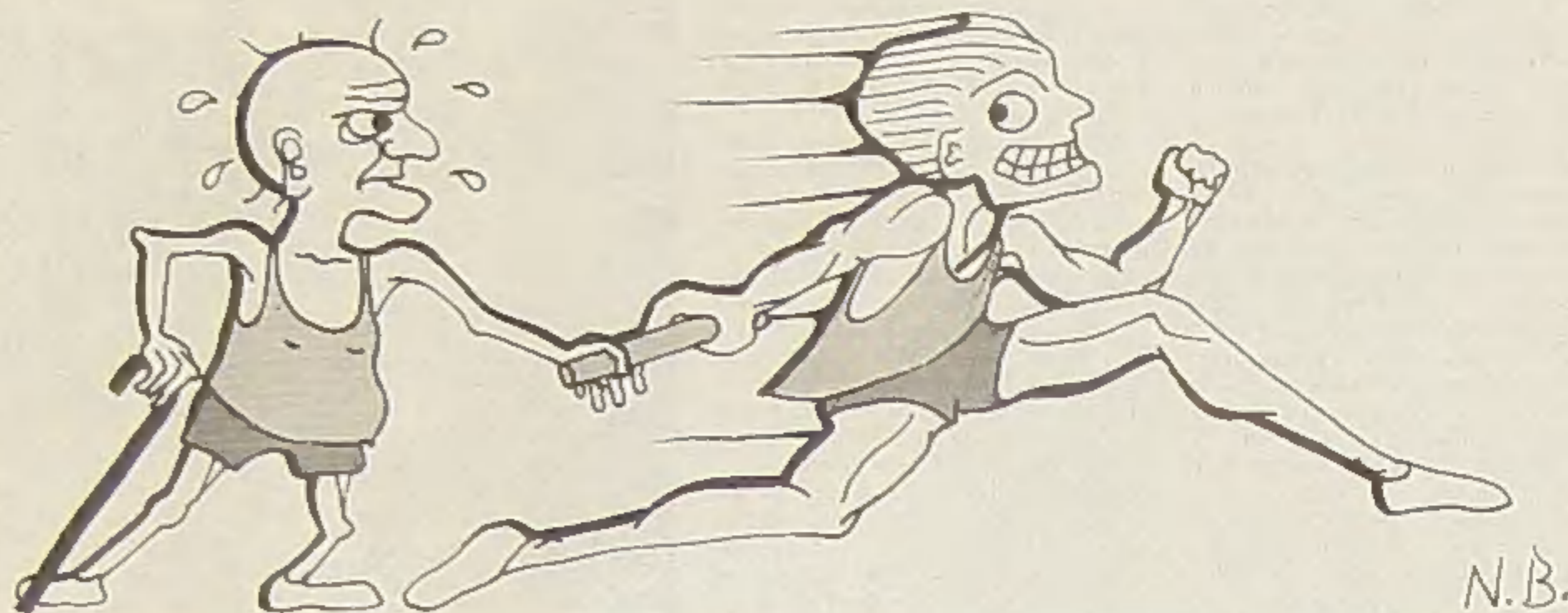
Adding leadership, experience, and a dash of excitement to the Lions' football team, Jim Frazier is to be commended for returning to the field to assist the young Blake Faulkner.

One has to consider the duties of an athletic director to appreciate Frazier's recent return. Not only does he serve as an adviser to the coaches in each sport, he sorts out problems, deals with the press, and must often decide what to change and what not to change.

Now, after two and a half seasons away from the football field, Frazier has made time for a team that can only benefit from his world of experience.

By the same token, Faulkner has an opportunity to learn from a coach who guided his team in 1983 to a fifth-place national finish in total offense. Faulkner, at the age of 23, has a rare opportunity in the palm of his hand. He can learn from one of the top football minds in the area.

More faculty and staff members should follow Frazier's example by occasionally accepting additional responsibilities without demanding extra compensation. This spirit of voluntarism could serve as a good example to the students of the College.



## Some elderly need harsher guidelines

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

With the endless climb of technology, knowledge, and social expectations, stricter laws and regulations concerning the elderly are in order.

Many elderly persons (those of retirement age) are a hinder and nuisance to society because they use their age and hand-icap to their advantage with little respect for others. They cause problems and irritation of others because they're either unaware of what is happening, or they just want a little attention.

However, there are quite a few elderly people who are still as sharp as a tack and have their wits about them. Do not misinterpret this column. I think old people are wonderful and you can learn a lot from them. It's just that some of them should be treated like everyone else and not given special privileges because they're "old."

Allow me to give some examples of elderly be-



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havior. First, it is their driving. How many times have you seen "granny" driving her Studebaker down the road, hunched over the wheel, backing up traffic because she can't drive 55 m.p.h.? Is this woman capable of sharply braking for a cyclist or small child? Now the big question. Does she even comprehend what she's doing and how her actions may endanger others? Sometimes I think not. A local TV station reported that the Federal government had conducted a study stating that persons over the age of 70 are involved in more accidents. I suggest every state require mandatory testing each year of people once they reach age 60.

Second, those elderly persons occupying high-level places in firms and corporations are too often "kept on" out of sympathy and misunderstanding. Sympathy for the fact that they were once "the big cheese" and those younger people do not want to hurt their pride by dismissing them. There is the misunderstanding in how to "handle" the elderly and what is best for the company. Sure, the old man might have been on top of things back in his day, but as people in the high technology workforce know, things change quickly and many

of the elderly are set in their ways and do not want to change things. This kind of thinking and leadership only throws the company in reverse.

Third, and finally, some elderly people just do not have the mental awareness and ability to survive on their own. There is nothing wrong with having to be cared for once you reach a certain point in your life. That's what nursing homes, retirement communities, and families are for. On the bright side, those being cared for might even enjoy it for the company and the chance of involvement with others.

Nevertheless, it is those few who are lonely and depressed who cause constant frustration because of their pride and stubbornness. Yes, I know you're thinking "Well, they're old; they can't help it." But according to many experts, the mind does not age. If that is true, then they can help it.

This is where "Elderly Guidelines" come into action. Each state should devise and administer a test to be given to persons upon reaching the age of 60. This examination will thoroughly probe the areas of common sense, driving skills, eyesight, body movement and coordination, mental alertness, and needed knowledge of current events.

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## Students have right to quality teaching

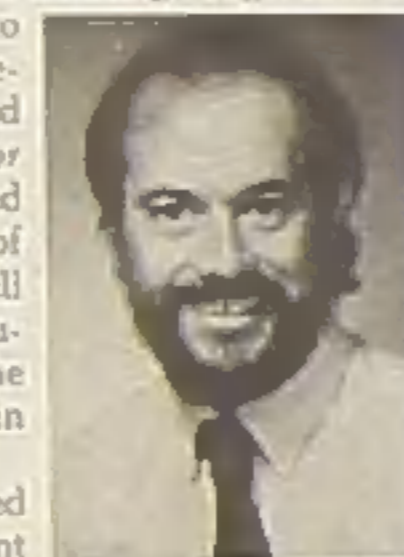
BY DR. JAMES R. JACKSON  
PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

Missouri Southern offers its students one of the best educational opportunities available anywhere. The primary aspect of this opportunity is quality teaching. I have often felt that there are specific teaching obligations and student rights inherent to quality teaching.

Recently, a journal called *The Teaching Professor* (May, 1988) addressed this topic in a review of an article by Conwell Strickland called "Students Rights and the Teachers' Obligation in the Classroom."

The article presented Strickland's list of student rights. I offer this list with comments from Strickland, the editor of *The Teaching Professor*, and myself for your consideration.

The student has the right to be recognized as an individual. Strickland thinks large classes most threaten this right, but sees the right as stemming from that most basic democratic value, the dignity



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of the individual. Because of our excellent student-teacher ratio, each professor should know the names of their students and a little about each student's background.

The student is entitled to a faculty member interested in teaching. The problem, of course, is how to guarantee students this right. Each faculty member has the obligation to be genuinely interested in the subject being presented and to transmit this interest to the students.

The student is entitled to instruction based on adequate preparation. By adequate preparation, Strickland means faculty either trained to teach or faculty knowledgeable about instructional methods. This also includes continual content updating through the literature, conferences, and research.

Students have a right to express opinions and to challenge those of the instructor. The argument here rests on the notion that the purpose of education is to develop "thinking, participation, decision-making citizens." How can that occur if the classroom offers no opportunity for interaction? Hopefully here at Southern no question is ever

dismissed as being too basic, too redundant, or inappropriate. It is the instructor's responsibility to weave these questions into the fabric of the course.

Instruction should be individualized. By individualized, Strickland means personalizing education, making it relevant to student needs and interests. This again involves knowledge of the student as an individual.

The student is entitled access to the teacher at hours other than class time. Missouri Southern requires a prescribed number of office hours because faculty members and administrators recognize that most student learning occurs outside the classroom.

The student is entitled to know the system by which he is to be graded. Grades do matter—very much to students and much less to faculty. However, in the interest of creating a constructive learning environment, faculty have the obligation to make the grading system and requirements known at the start of the semester and remain unchanged as the semester progresses. This will enable the students to design a learning strategy for all their courses throughout the semester.

The student has the right to attend or not to at-

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## YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Room 117 of Hearn Hall by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

## 'Chart' should express concerns

Although the Student Senate spends much of its time allocating funds to campus organizations, the primary responsibility of the Senate is to serve as a liaison between the students and the administration.

The Chart, in its articles reporting on Senate business, has stressed our financial allocations. While these are very important and should be recognized, our stands on issues of direct concern to students should be recognized as well.

For example, in our first three meetings, the Senate has already voted to draft resolutions recommending that (1) the grading scale remain unchanged (i.e., no addition of a plus/

minus component), (2) smoking be banned in all campus buildings except offices and dorm rooms, and (3) that "dead day" be reinstated.

The executive committee feels that these issues are important and the students should be informed. In the future, we are sure that The Chart will devote more of its reporting to the Senate's stands on such matters.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Student Senate Executive Committee:  
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## Exhaled smoke is not hazardous to non-smokers

This is in response to Dr. Hal Bodon's "Most Desperate Proposal," banning smoking in all buildings at Missouri Southern State College. Notwithstanding, Dr. Bodon, in his defense of this "proposal," he cites the following reasons for it to be adopted as school policy:

- 1) Dr. Bodon is a non-smoker.
- 2) "Clean air is a privilege"
- 3) "Smokers are in the great minority."
- 4) Some cities and states have adopted bans

on smoking in public buildings.

Based upon the above premises, we are thus compelled to conclude that smoking is dangerous to the health of non-smokers. This is a false conclusion based upon four faulty premises.

Dr. Bodon's statement that "clean air is a privilege" is quite incomprehensible, as well as being faulty logic. (Does he mean that smokers will contaminate further the already

contaminated air?) In what region of the world is the air actually "clean"? Although Dr. Bodon is an avid non-smoker, he is nonetheless guilty of polluting the environment—he is an insistent owner and driver of an automobile—a machine which emits more contaminants into the atmosphere far more harmful

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# 'The largest ghost town in America'

## Dioxin-laden Times Beach to become clean-up center

BY ROBERT J. SMITH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If you asked Americans what date in early December was most important in U.S. history, many would say Dec. 7, 1941.

Yet, there are 2,047 former residents of Times Beach, Mo., who would argue that point.

"I'll never forget Dec. 5, 1982," said Skip Baker, a 30-year resident of the river community. "That was the day Times Beach was flooded."

Times Beach, located 11 miles southwest of St. Louis on I-44, could have handled the rain that swelled the Meramec River. Town residents were used to floods, but not to the dioxin which flood waters spread throughout the community.

Dioxin, a toxic chemical, was part of the oil that was sprayed on unpaved Times Beach roads in the early 1970s. The 1982 flood distributed the substance into the town's soil, forcing the permanent evacuation of Times Beach in 1983.

Now, five years later, only one road to the town is still open, and that is blocked by armed security guards who turn sightseers away. The hulks of abandoned cars, mobile homes, and boarded-up buildings are visible from certain vantage points.

"To my knowledge, it's the largest ghost town in America," said Jeff Young, information center coordinator for the Environmental Protection Agency.

But as far back as 1974, the Centers for Disease Control suspected that dioxin-laced oil had been sprayed on Times Beach.

"When we first were told, we were on a list of possible sites," said Marilyn Leistner, mayor of Times Beach when it closed. "We thought it couldn't happen to us."

"When they said it [dioxin] was here, we remembered health problems and dead animals. Ever since it's been a never-ending nightmare."

### The beginning and the memories

Times Beach, a community of 800 families, sprang up in the 1920s. The St.

Louis Times, now defunct, sold six-meter by 30-meter lots along the Meramec River to subscribers for \$67.50. The river resort community eventually stemmed into a permanent settlement.

Former residents say it was a town full of flowers and gardens. It was the kind of community where everyone knew everyone else. It was a place to rear a family.

"It was a very pretty community," said Leistner. "The yards were taken care of very well, and flowers were everywhere."

"My daughter had already married and begun living in Times Beach. Generation after generation would have lived there."

Baker said her yard, a link to her past, was "washed away" by the flood and dioxin.

"I moved down there in '51," she said. "I was young and newly married. I reared seven kids down there."

"For me, every flower, every tree in my yard was a memory. I knew where each one came from. I hate to think that all of that is gone."

But the same soil that nurtured Baker's plants eventually caused the evacuation of the town's residents.

For Mary Ann Hrin, the owner of an auto body shop in Times Beach, the dioxin didn't take away her home. She lived about 15 miles from Times Beach.

"We opened Southtown Auto Body in 1978 or '79," she said. "My husband operated the business, and my two sons worked for us."

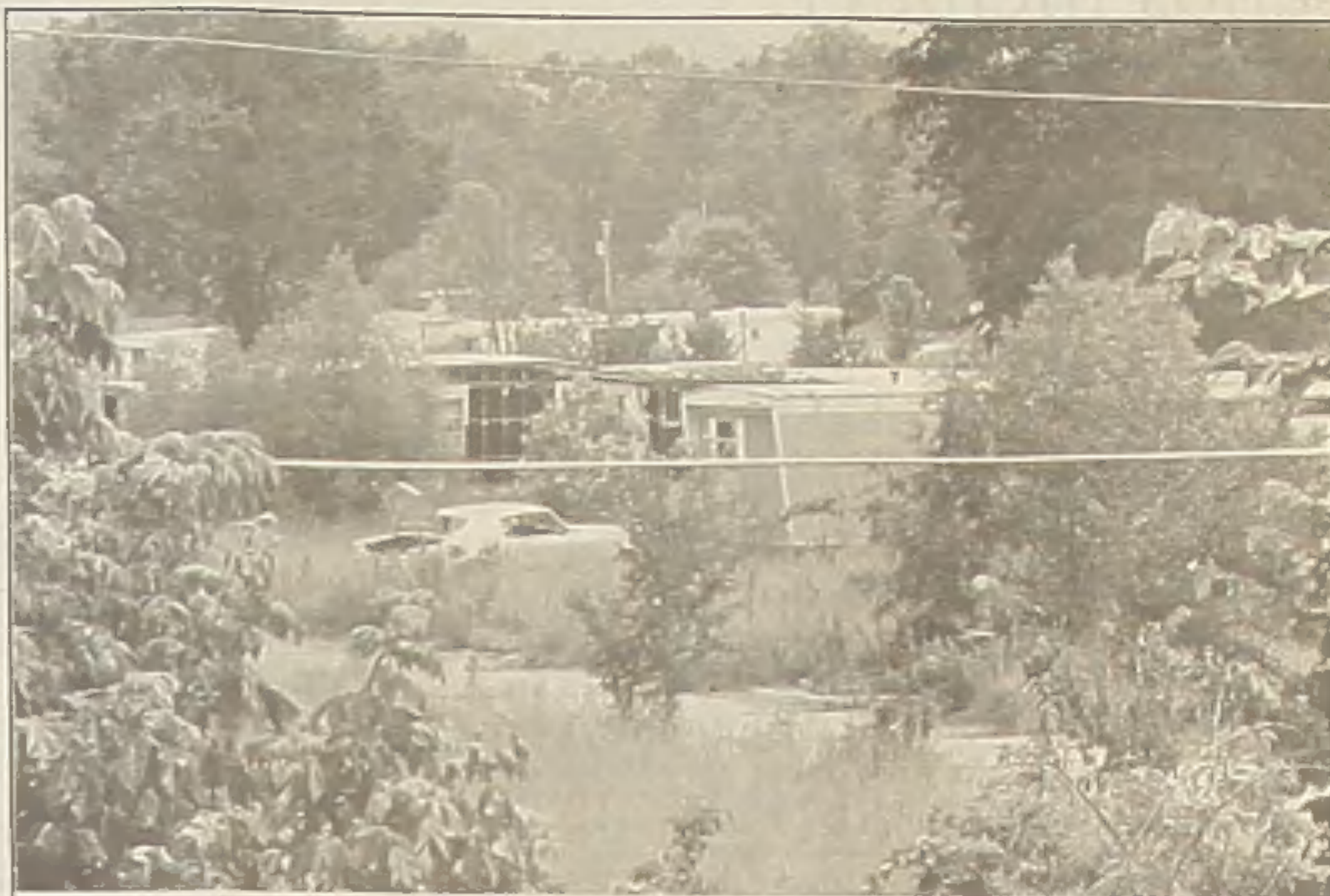
"By 1982, we had done so well that we would be in our come-ahead year in 1983."

Hrin said she could little sympathy for her case from area residents.

"It was hard because people would say 'Did you live in Times Beach?'" she said. "I would tell them I didn't, but that our business was there. They would say that it was just our business. They don't realize that was how we made money to make a home."

### Times Beach to become regional clean-up center

The dioxin in the soil in Times Beach is one of the most dangerous chemicals known to man. According to Young of the EPA, as little as one part per billion is con-



STAFF PHOTO BY SEAN VAN DYKE

**Left behind** From the Burlington Northern railroad tracks on the north side of Times Beach, mobile homes and an abandoned car can be seen. About a dozen trespassers are caught in the town each year.

sidered a serious problem. In the case of Times Beach, there were levels as high as 300 parts per billion.

"To understand one part per billion," Young said, "it is the equivalent of one tear drop in an Olympic-size swimming pool."

Dioxin is the unwanted by-product in the manufacture of herbicides and other chemicals.

There are about 25 sites where dioxin has been found in eastern Missouri. The EPA has determined that incineration of the dioxin is the best solution in eastern Missouri. Times Beach will serve as a regional clean-up center for that part of the state.

"Legally, each dioxin site remedy has to be an administrative decision," Young said. "We have to consider each in a case-by-case situation."

"Times Beach will not become a nationwide incinerator. We will deal only with those sites in eastern Missouri."

EPA spokesman Steve Wurtz said a permit lists the uses of the Times Beach incinerator.

"The permit has a listed usage," Wurtz said. "That's what it must be used for."

The cost of the removal project will be around \$120 million. As much as \$50 million can be attributed to the dioxin removal at Times Beach.

"Right now it's the burning that is the closest to a permanent solution," Leistner said. "I feel that's the best way to go at this point."

"There is too much opposition in the area to have it be a permanent site for burning hazardous waste."

The mobile incinerator would be placed at Times Beach, with the dioxin from other sites in eastern Missouri brought to the incinerator. According to Wurtz, the exact size of the incinerator has not been decided. Wurtz said the incinerator will be larger than the Blue Goose one at Verona in southwest Missouri.

The plan calls for the incinerator at Times Beach to be on-site for six years or less. In that time, the EPA thinks the dioxin from Times Beach and the other sites can be successfully burned.

"It seems like the EPA is in a no-win situation," Young said. "The EPA spends money to clean up dioxin, and people are mad because we spent the money. On the other hand, if the EPA doesn't spend the money there are concerns over public safety and the EPA is not doing its job."

### Health problems

Despite not living in Times Beach for five years, former residents continue to search for answers about their failing health.

"I watched my neighbors get cancer," Baker said. "My seven-year-old granddaughter has leukemia."

For Leistner, the health problems were even more apparent. Her ex-husband has porphyria cutanea tarda, and her son has just started having medical problems.

"I also have a daughter with a severe disorder and another daughter who is sterile," Leistner said. "A third daughter used to have acne real bad. Her eyes would swell shut, and she had hives."

Leistner cited other examples, including a baby who was born with its kidneys outside the body cavity.

"The girls that moved in across the street [in Times Beach] said to me: 'We

have been sick ever since we moved here," she said. "If it's coincidence, then there is a lot of it."

### The future of Times Beach

After the six years of burning that will take place at Times Beach, no one knows exactly what will become of the ghost town.

"I don't ever want to see Times Beach as a community again," Leistner said. "There are a lot of wild animals living in the area. Maybe it would make a good wildlife refuge or a state park."

Leistner is no longer mayor, but instead, serves as trustee for the town.

"I have an office at the entrance to Times Beach," she said. "I try to limit my trips into the town, but I'm there practically every day."

"Any time there is a problem with a former resident of Times Beach, I try to get them in touch with the right people. It's practically a 24-hour position."

Young is the on-site EPA representative. He said the security guards stationed at the entrance to Times Beach make hourly checks of the streets and abandoned buildings. About a dozen people are arrested each year at Times Beach for federal trespassing.

"It's kind of an eerie experience driving through Times Beach," Young said. "It's almost like something out of the Twilight Zone."

Baker lived in a camper trailer right after the evacuation. Then she moved to a city she didn't like. Eventually, she returned to the area, buying a small house in Eureka—the city closest to Times Beach.

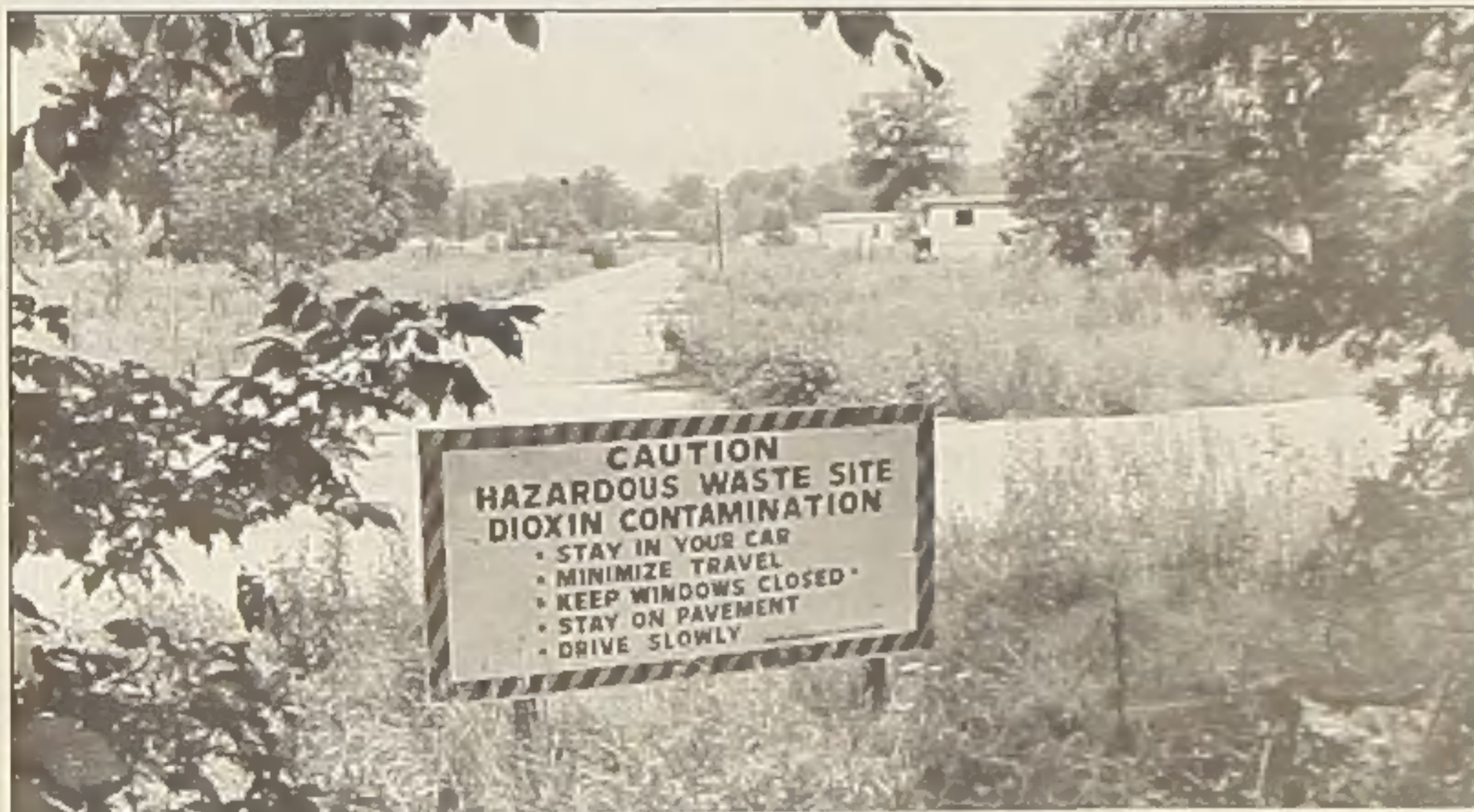
"Down there [in Times Beach] I had a big house and a garden every year," she said. "Here, I don't have room for a garden."

"It's not like home. It's just not home. If they said we could go back, I would be the first in line."

Baker said it's hard for her to stay away from her former home.

"Let's just say I'm not supposed to go down there," she said. "I go down with Marilyn."

"I think what hurts most is they've taken Times Beach off the map. You don't hear about the good things that happened at Times Beach. The only place you see the name is on the water tower."



STAFF PHOTO BY SEAN VAN DYKE

### Closed down

(Top) A sign warns passersby of the danger of dioxin-contaminated Times Beach. (Above) Weeds have taken over the yard of an abandoned house, where a swing set gradually rusts away.



STAFF PHOTO BY SEAN VAN DYKE

### Vacated building

Going west on Interstate-44, travelers can get a glimpse of a vacated building and an unused road.

## Baptist Student Union sends members abroad

### Organizations provides a place to get away

BY TAMMI WILLIAMS  
STAFF WRITER

A place to go between classes, during lunch, or just somewhere to belong is what students may find at the Baptist Student Union to be.

"They (anyone) can just come and participate and check us out," said Steve Leatherman, BSU director. "We have a student center here for them to come and use if they want."

The student center has a place to play foosball and table tennis, to watch TV, and to have activities and meetings.

"We just started a Monday morning prayer time to pray for the BSU and individual needs of people in it," said Leatherman.

The organization is planning a Tuesday luncheon especially for commuter students to come and eat a free meal and have "fellowship" with other students.

Every Thursday at 7 p.m., the group has a "Thursday Night Together," or "TNT."

"TNT is basically a creative workshop time," Leatherman said. "We have singing, testimony time, ice breakers, skits, games, bible study, or an outside speaker."

The BSU tries to have a monthly get-together. This month's activity will be a hayride.

"We are also trying to get an ensemble group or some type of group to go to some of our area churches to share music," he said. "We led the morning worship service in the Asbury church. It was a good experience for them (the members of the BSU) and the church as well."

The BSU sends missionaries out for 10 weeks during the summer months. Last year, five students from Missouri Southern served in the missionary program. Three went to the Spring River Association to help with Vacation Bible School for small churches that could not afford to teach it themselves. The other two students served with "Missouri Camp Time." They traveled to various camps across the state and presented programs to them.

Fifteen students from Missouri went to Brazil and "teamed up" with some Brazilian students.

Twelve BSU members went to Scotland to the World Baptist Youth Conference.

"I don't know how many thousands of teens were at that," said Leatherman.

"The Phillisians" is the project the BSU is working on this year.

"I enjoy working with international students," said Leatherman. "When they're committed to doing something, they're really commended to do it."

Leatherman said he does not know what kind of effect working with international students actually has on the country itself but said he believes it is a positive one.

The BSU is funded by area churches as well as the Missouri Baptist Convention in Jefferson City.

"We are not funded by any one church but a cooperative group of churches that want to see things going on with students in this area," Leatherman said.

There are about 47 Baptist Student Unions in different college campuses across the state.

Officers of the BSU are Marne Phipps, president and worship and discipleship leader; John Goswick, fellowship chair; Scott Rutherford, communications chair; Chuck Bolton, missions chair; Blake Souther, ministry chair; and Michelle Greenstreet, outreach chair.

The average attendance of the BSU is 20 to 25 people, although they had about 50 people at the first barbecue, said Leatherman. He said group membership varies.

"We don't have really any membership requirements but just by their (interested persons) participation."

Persons interested in getting involved in the organization can attend Thursday meetings at the Baptist Student Union building just north of campus.

"We feel it's the responsibility of the BSU to make them leaders in their churches because they're the leaders of the future," said Leatherman.



STAFF PHOTO BY BOBBIE SEVENS

**Benefit** Sara Woods, a member of the Student Senate, looks over a book that was part of the Senate rummage sale Saturday. Proceeds went to the United Way.

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tend class, Strickland admits this is probably the most controversial of the rights he advocates, but goes on to assert that if students can successfully complete a course without attending class, they should be allowed to do so.

Students have a right to evaluate their courses and teacher. After all, they pay for the course; but more important to Strickland is that they have the obligation to offer input that can help an instructor improve.

You might not support all of the "rights" that Strickland has presented, but it must seem obvious at this point that the power lies with the faculty in a student-

teacher relationship. We should try to compensate for this imbalance by defending the entitlements of the student whenever possible. Learning and creative behavior are the products of quality teaching. These characteristics can't be developed in an oppressive authoritarian atmosphere. They can only evolve in an environment of mutual respect and support.

Strickland's original paper can be found in a book called *Excellence in University Teaching* edited by Thomas Buxton and Kieth Prichard, 1975, and can be found in our library.

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High test scores will result in an approved rating, allowing the person to continue his or her life in whatever manner he or she chooses until next test time. Low test results will indicate that the individual is aging and something should be done to help that person.

Sadly, people age with time, just as everything else. It is just that some old people may unknowingly alter the lives of others. There are many accidents involving old people, but they are free of the

## LDSSA gets involved in community

BY JULIE SPRADLING  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to instill Christian values in students, the Latter Day Saints Student Association will be involved in several activities this year.

LDSSA is a campus organization consisting of about 15 members. The group meets at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Billingsly Student Center. The organization also meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 22nd Street and Indiana Avenue.

Dr. Robert Clark, associate professor of communications, is sponsoring LDSSA for the second year. Liz Schofield, a member of the church from Oronogo, prepares lessons and teaches the students at the meetings.

Schofield is a Relief Society instructor for women at the church. She also works with high school and college students in the church.

This year's LDSSA officers are Tom Green, president; Joan Green, vice president; Judy Gurley, secretary and treasurer; and Laurie Case, assistant secretary.

"We like being involved in service projects for the community," said Schofield.

The group is still in the process of making plans for the coming year. It hopes to be able to bring a guest speaker onto campus.

"We would like to have someone speak on something pertinent," said Schofield. "It does not necessarily have to be religion."

Currently, the group is planning to have a float in the Homecoming parade on Saturday. It has also entered a banner in the Homecoming contest.

LDSSA is not limited to Mormons; anyone may join.

Both Clark and Schofield enjoy working with the members of LDSSA.

"They are good kids who are there to learn," said Schofield. "They try to put into practice what they have learned. They are building testimonies of Jesus Christ. They are just a good bunch of kids."

Schofield also believes education is extremely important. She said spiritual education is "at the top of the list."

"Education is what we take with us," she said. "It builds countries and nations and keeps us from being uncivilized. It helps our people to continue to get along. Education is vital, and spiritual education is one of the most important aspects of education; if not the most important."

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to human habitation than a roomful of smokers.

And while it cannot be argued that some cities and states have adopted bans on smoking in public buildings, Dr. Bodon has been quite candid by failing to mention that there have been provided designated areas for smoking within such buildings.

And Dr. Bodon would so boldly state that "smokers are in the great minority" today. I would beg Dr. Bodon to cite his authorities in making such a generalized statement. Are there not more female smokers than in the 1960's?—*The New England Journal of Medicine* would give a definite "yes!" especially by women in the 18-25 age group. Smoking has come into vogue for these women. Furthermore, how many smokers are there as opposed to non-smokers on campus at Missouri Southern? (This should include faculty, staff, and students.) When Dr. Bodon summarily states that smokers are in the minority, he is not definite as to where this is the case. Is it in the United States? In the Soviet Union? In Micronesia? Where, Dr. Bodon?

It would appeal to logic much more emphatically if Dr. Bodon would cease making generalizations which he cannot support. All of which is unconditionally false. His being a non-smoker should not influence the conclusion. Conclusions should not be biased; they need to be in consistency with the premises supporting

publicity and embarrassment "because they're old." Big whoop! Should we save them face only to embarrass a teenager for falling to signal before a turn? Certainly not. Forget they are old.

Elderly people, as with aging machinery, need to be physically and mentally measured on a routine basis. Let's establish some guidelines for elderly folks to follow. Not just to please me, but to help themselves as much as those around them.


As a smoker, I do agree with a ban on smoking on campus, except within designated areas allowed for smokers, i.e., in student or faculty lounges. If the smoking ban should go into effect, Missouri Southern must allocate sufficient funds to build such a structure, in compensation for the disjunction of civil rights denied the smokers at Missouri Southern. Inasmuch as the sale, purchase, or consumption of tobacco is not illegal in the state of Missouri (ages 16 and over), as well as the rest of the nation, such a ban against smoking in all buildings at Missouri Southern State College would constitute an abridgement of civil rights under the law particularly against the First and Fourteenth Amendments, U.S. Constitution.

Dr. Bodon, it would seem, has taken a very personal and vindictive stance in this particular issue, without regard in the college community as a whole. The vote on this issue, I believe, should be offered to the college faculty, staff, and student body, and should not be lamely presented to the Faculty or Student Senates to decide such a debated resolution. (These bodies seldom represent the wishes of the majority at any time, or so it would seem.)

A general vote on this issue, please—agreed Dr. Bodon?

Randy Scott

## Upcoming Events

| Today     |  | CAB Event<br>Make Your Own<br>Ice Cream Float<br>Lions' Den 11 a.m.           | LDSSA<br>Room 311<br>BSC<br>Noon                                 | Psychology<br>Celebration<br>Room 115<br>Taylor Hall<br>1 p.m. |
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| Tomorrow  |   | All Campus<br>Cookout<br>Biology Pond<br>10:40 a.m.                           | Volleyball<br>at<br>CSIC Match<br>TBA                            | Renaissance Ball<br>John Q. Hammons<br>Trade Center<br>8 p.m.  |
| Saturday  |   | Alumni Softball<br>at<br>Lea Kungle<br>Field<br>9 a.m.                        | Alumni Baseball<br>at<br>Joe Becker<br>Stadium<br>10 a.m.        | Homecoming<br>Football<br>vs.<br>Washburn<br>2 p.m.            |
| Monday    |   | Interviews<br>The Scout Executive<br>for Area Boy Scout<br>for Dec-May Grads. | Substance Abuse<br>Lecture<br>Keystone Ballroom<br>BSC<br>1 p.m. | Volleyball<br>at<br>John Brown Univ.<br>6 p.m.                 |
| Tuesday   |   | LDSSA<br>Room 311<br>BSC<br>Noon  | Newman Club<br>Room 314<br>BSC<br>Noon                           | Registration<br>Deadline<br>for May<br>Graduates               |
| Wednesday |   | ECM<br>Room 311<br>BSC<br>12:30 p.m.  | International Club<br>Room 313<br>BSC<br>2 p.m.                  | Student Senate<br>Room 310<br>BSC<br>5:30 p.m.                 |
|           |   |   |  | Volleyball<br>vs.<br>Central Missouri<br>6 p.m.                |

Photospiva juror gives photography seminar

BY JOHN FORD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Known in photography circles as a "straight shooter," Jack Welpott lectured at the Spiva Art Center Oct. 12.

Welpott, a "semi-retired" professor at San Francisco State University, talked of the evolution of his photography and displayed numerous photos which spanned 20 years of his photography. The lecture was part of Photospiva, an annual photography contest and lecture series at Missouri Southern.

"Welpott acted as a juror for the contest, which is coming up in November," said Val Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Center.

The majority of the photographer's work was of human figures (including nudes) and interiors of homes. However,

some landscape photos were also presented. Welpott said some of the photographs were being sold for \$700 each.

Christensen said Welpott established a good rapport with those who attended the lecture. The photographer answered questions about his profession from students.

"I think he is one of the best teachers I have come across," said Christensen. "He has the ability to answer a person's question as if he is only speaking to them. Meanwhile, he holds the attention of the rest of the audience."

Welpott finished a lecture tour in the Orient before coming to Southern.

"He was on an invitation to exhibit his work and lecture in the Orient, particularly Japan," Christensen said.

Welpott's wife is also a photographer. She displays her works, which consists of mostly landscapes.



Lectures Jack Welpott, a professor at San Francisco State University, gave a lecture last week on campus.

Band alumni to take part in festivities

Homecoming 1988 marks the first year Missouri Southern will honor the Lion Pride Marching Band alumni.

"We're very happy to have all band alumni back and hope to see them in many more years to come," said Pete Havelly, band director.

Tomorrow, Debbie Eden, coordinator of the alumni, and a small group of others will decorate a float to ride in the parade. The parade will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. on Main Street. Ten to 15 alumni are expected to ride the float, with a total of 50 entries in the parade.

At Saturday's football game, the band alumni will sit next to the current band members at the game.

A dinner for the band alumni will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Briarbrook Country Club. The cost is \$7.50 per person.

Eden said she expects 50 to 100 alumni with some traveling from as far as Florida and Arizona.

"We're excited about coming home and seeing everybody," she said.

Eden admitted difficulty in finding the band alumni. Because of name changes due to marriage and frequent moving, many people were unable to be located.

Eden said she hopes to plan another alumni reunion in two to five years.

Freshman theatre major starts working toward life ambition

Small's acting experiences could help her reach goal

BY KATY HURN  
STAFF WRITER

The theatre department at Missouri Southern helped Gina Small, a freshman theatre major from Alba, decide to attend the College.

Small first heard of Southern's theatre department after performing an oral interpretation from *Medea* at a high school speech and debate tournament. The judge had seen the production of *Medea* at Southern and recommended the College to her.

"She was a bouncy character with a lot of humorous lines," Small said. "She has her own personality."

Small says it is easy to get caught up in a character's personality.

"You become a completely different person," she said. "You get to walk a mile in their moccasins."

She also said it is sometimes hard for actors to remove themselves from a character after performing.

"Sometimes you really get involved with the character and find yourself still saying the lines and acting like the char-

"The more they pull me into the character, the more I'm impressed. An inspiration for me would probably be Judy Garland. She's not just an actress, she's an entertainer."

—Gina Small, freshman theatre major

"She told me over and over again about the theatre department and how she'd made trips several times just to see their productions," said Small. "Southern has a reputation for really taking theatre seriously."

Small says she has always wanted to be an actress. While watching television and movies she developed an admiration for actors and actresses.

"The more they pull me into the character, the more I'm impressed," she said.

"An inspiration for me would probably be Judy Garland," said Small. "She's not just an actress, she's an entertainer."

Small says that people on television seem bigger than life and that actors and actresses these days take on other talents, such as singing and dancing.

Small began working toward her goal of becoming an actress in high school. Besides involving herself in the theatre department, she also was active in speech and debate.

"I knew that my overall goal was acting and that speech and debate would help me toward the goal," she said. "It allowed me the chance to concentrate on developing characters. It gave me the opportunity to practice in front of an audience."

Just recently Small played the role of Honour, "a flighty English maid," in Southern's production of *Tom Jones*.

acter off stage," said Small.

Small finds acting rewarding because it provides vicarious experiences.

"If you choose acting you can be anyone you want to be," she said.

The theatre department at Southern has impressed Small so far.

"I've been nothing less than astonished with everything they've done," she said. "They strive for perfection and still give the student the opportunity to experiment."

She says Southern's theatre department differs from some because first-year students can participate in plays instead of waiting until their junior year.

"They give you hands-on experience and opportunities as a freshman," said Small.

After college, Small plans to move to California and live with relatives near Hollywood.

"I'm going to slowly break into bigger theatres and then movies," she said.

She believes, though, that it helps if actors and actresses have a back-up plan when trying to make it in show business.

"You have to have something to fall back on," she said. "I think college does that for you."

Small plans to get a bachelor of science degree in education.

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'Cheap Trick' plays to near-capacity crowd

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Rating: ★★ ★★  
(out of ★★ ★★ ★)

After weeks of building excitement and publicity, the concert Joplin had anticipated arrived. The over-popular band Cheap Trick performed last Saturday night to a nearly sold-out house.

Concert Review

The band, in the middle of a nationwide tour, decided to stop in Joplin because it provided an opportunity for returning bass player Tom Petersson to get more comfortable with the band.

New West Productions, in association with Z103, sponsored the venue. Z103's Don Cristl said the radio station is working with New West to bring more concerts to Joplin.

"Joplin is very receptive and we want to provide the opportunity for residents to see some good groups," he said.

Stated as the opening act was a band called *Femme Fatale* from New Mexico. This band is a newcomer to the rock scene but is one that will be around for awhile. Having a "heavy pop" sound, the group has been likened to bands like Bon Jovi or Joan Jett.

During the afternoon sound check, the "roadies" were frantically making last minute adjustments for the show. Suddenly, out of nowhere Cheap Trick arrived. The guys roamed around the auditorium awhile before tuning up on stage. After a few minutes of heavy jam, Rick Nielson, lead guitarist, and Tom Petersson, bass guitarist, wandered off the stage, and the roadies thought the warm-up was over. Robin Zander, who does lead vocals, alone on stage, began strumming the tune "The Flame." Soon Bun E. Carlos joined in on the drums, and then Nielson and Petersson returned to complete the song. The walls of Memorial Hall shook with the sound of Zander's voice crooning out the band's big hit. After finishing the song, the band decided to end the sound check and prepare for the show.

Later that evening, *Femme Fatale* jumped on the stage, ready to rock. The band had a great stage presence and its music had a good sound.

"I thought the crowd was very open and accepting of the band," said Scott Hardy, disc jockey at Z103. "The crowd was really hyped when *Femme Fatale* came on stage."

After *Femme Fatale* finished its portion of the show, the band members said the crowd was "excellent" and said they loved playing in Joplin.

Soon after the band's exit, the crowd began chanting for Cheap Trick to continue the show. And as if to answer the plea, Cheap Trick took to the stage. The band played its two recent hits, "Don't Be Cruel" and "The Flame," along with some big hits from past years, such as "Dream Police," "I Want You To Want Me" and "Surrender."

"Nielson is very animated, he plays a wide array of guitars," said Cristl.

"Rick Nielson 'is' Cheap Trick. He works the crowd well."

"Bun E. Carlos is a precision drummer, he is really laid back," said Hardy. "He just played the show like it was nothing—with a cigarette dangling out of his mouth."

The band played approximately an hour-and-a-half show, then was called back for one encore, for which it played three songs.

Tom Petersson, dressed in a white cowboy hat and long coat, played an awesome 12-string bass which he invented. And Nielson, in his skull sweater, really got the crowd's enthusiasm high. The combination of the two, plus the perfect vocals of Robin Zander, is the strong influence of the band's popularity. Joplin will be talking about this show for some time.

Coming Attractions

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|-------------|---|---|--|---|
| Joplin      | 'Evita'<br>Today through Saturday<br>8 p.m.<br>Joplin Little Theatre          | Restless Heart<br>Oct. 28<br>8 p.m.<br>Taylor Auditorium    | All-District Choir<br>Oct. 29<br>8 p.m.<br>Taylor Auditorium | Ray Stevens<br>Nov. 5<br>8 p.m.<br>Memorial Hall              |
| Kansas City | Fit For America: Historical & Contemporary Artifacts<br>today through Oct. 31 | Photography Exhibit<br>today through Oct. 31<br>K.C. Museum |  | Worlds of Fun 'Oktoberfest'<br>Saturday and Sunday<br>10 a.m. |
|             | 'Shear Madness'<br>Comedy Mystery<br>Today<br>American Heartland Theatre      |   | Death Angel<br>Oct. 28<br>8 p.m.<br>Uptown Theatre           | Amy Grant<br>Nov. 1<br>8 p.m.<br>Kemper Arena                 |
| Springfield |   | Greg Allman Band<br>Sunday<br>8 p.m.<br>Shrine Mosque       |  | Rod Stewart<br>Oct. 28<br>8 p.m.<br>Hammons Student Center    |
| Tulsa       | Light Up The Night<br>Photography Contest<br>Oct. 28<br>6 p.m. to midnight    |   | Willie Nelson Concert<br>Nov. 5<br>8 p.m.<br>Mabee Center    |   |

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## Travels provide good experiences

### Florida couple keeps peacock from attacking Hanewinkel at castle

BY ANITA NORTON  
CHART REPORTER

Traveling has provided many interesting experiences to Mary Hanewinkel, a freshman communications major at Missouri Southern.

Hanewinkel's travels began soon after she graduated in 1980 from Lindbergh High School in St. Louis.

"My sister asked if I would be interested in living with her in Houston [Texas], and I jumped at the opportunity," said Hanewinkel. "I liked it so much that I stayed there four years."

scared to death as it chased me right back into the castle.

"That's when I met this really interesting couple from Florida," she said. "They saved me from the peacock and then invited me to lunch."

Hanewinkel and her new friends had a medieval lunch in the basement of the castle where she said everything was served on wooden utensils.

"It was the worst meal I had ever eaten," she explained. "Everything tasted like wood."

Although Hanewinkel did not like the attack of the "tame" peacock, she still en-

joyed the friendship of her "rescuers."

After visiting England, she returned to her job in Houston. She said she liked Houston so well because she earned more than twice what she made back home.

However, after being away from home for more than four years, Hanewinkel requested a job transfer to return to St. Louis.

"The day I was to start working in St. Louis, Kroger announced a closing," she said. "I had already taken a pay cut when I transferred, and then there was the store takeover. Again, my pay was cut to almost half of what I made in Houston."

"I started looking at my future and made the decision to return to school," said Hanewinkel.

She took an algebra class last summer at St. Louis Community College to "get back into the atmosphere of taking tests."

"I made the decision that when I returned to school, I was going to treat it like a job," she said.

Hanewinkel said she chose Southern because her sister, Terri Honeyball, now a manager for Southwestern Bell in Tulsa, graduated from Southern in May 1988.

As part of campus life, Hanewinkel believes in getting involved. She ran for a position as a freshman senator on the Student Senate and won.

"I wanted to get involved right away," she said. "And running for senator helped me to talk to people. In the first week I was ready to run away. It's just like when you first go into kindergarten. You don't know anyone, but now I'm doing fine."

She lives in the home of Golda Hurn, a 97-year-old woman whom Hanewinkel describes as "sharp as a tack." In exchange for staying there evenings, Hanewinkel receives free room.

"Granny shows me how to fix things," she said. "The other day, I came home from school and there was Granny putting a new plug on an electrical cord."

"Living with Granny has given me a different perspective on things," said Hanewinkel. "For instance, Granny's children are in their 70s, yet she still calls them 'kids.'"

"Her whole family has kind of taken me in," she added. "On my birthday, they all pitched in and got me a cake and card with \$10 in it from each of them. They help me when my car has problems and check up on me to make sure everything is all right. I don't feel like I've only been there a month."

To help pay for her living expenses, Hanewinkel works in the College placement office. She described it as a "nice, warm environment" where she could "hide" during her first few days in school.



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#### Traveler

Mary Hanewinkel, a freshman communications major at Southern, is living with a 97-year-old woman who is "sharp as a tack." Hanewinkel has traveled in England and lived in Houston.

"I was walking on the grounds showing off my red sweatshirt when suddenly a 'tame' peacock came after me trying to attack me. I was scared to death as it chased me right back into the castle."

—Mary Hanewinkel, freshman communications major

While living in Houston, Hanewinkel worked as a manager in the floral department of a Kroger grocery store. In 1984 she took time off from her job to travel to England with her uncle.

Hanewinkel spent her first few days in London visiting bookstores with her uncle. She then decided to venture out on her own, touring castles and museums in Wales and Oxford.

She said she had some "memorable experiences" while touring the Cardiff Castle in Wales. While strolling on the castle grounds, she learned something new about peacocks.

"I was walking on the grounds showing off my red sweatshirt when suddenly a 'tame' peacock came after me trying to attack me," said Hanewinkel. "I was

## Otero finds education a challenge

BY MARK WILLIAMS  
CHART REPORTER

Education is not just for young people, it is for anyone who has a desire for knowledge.

Frank Otero, owner of a small engine repair shop in Joplin, is still continuing his education at the age of 59. He believes education should always be important because it strengthens people and helps them improve their lives.

"Education offers me new challenges," Otero said. "I have always had a tremendous regard for it and especially at Missouri Southern because I know so many students, teachers, and faculty."

Otero is involved in the continuing education program at Southern. This semester he is taking part in the Choral Society.

"It is a challenge and presents new music that I have never heard before," he said. "It is enjoyable to be in because it is not a 'drag-type' class. It builds you up where you are weak, and that results in better performances."

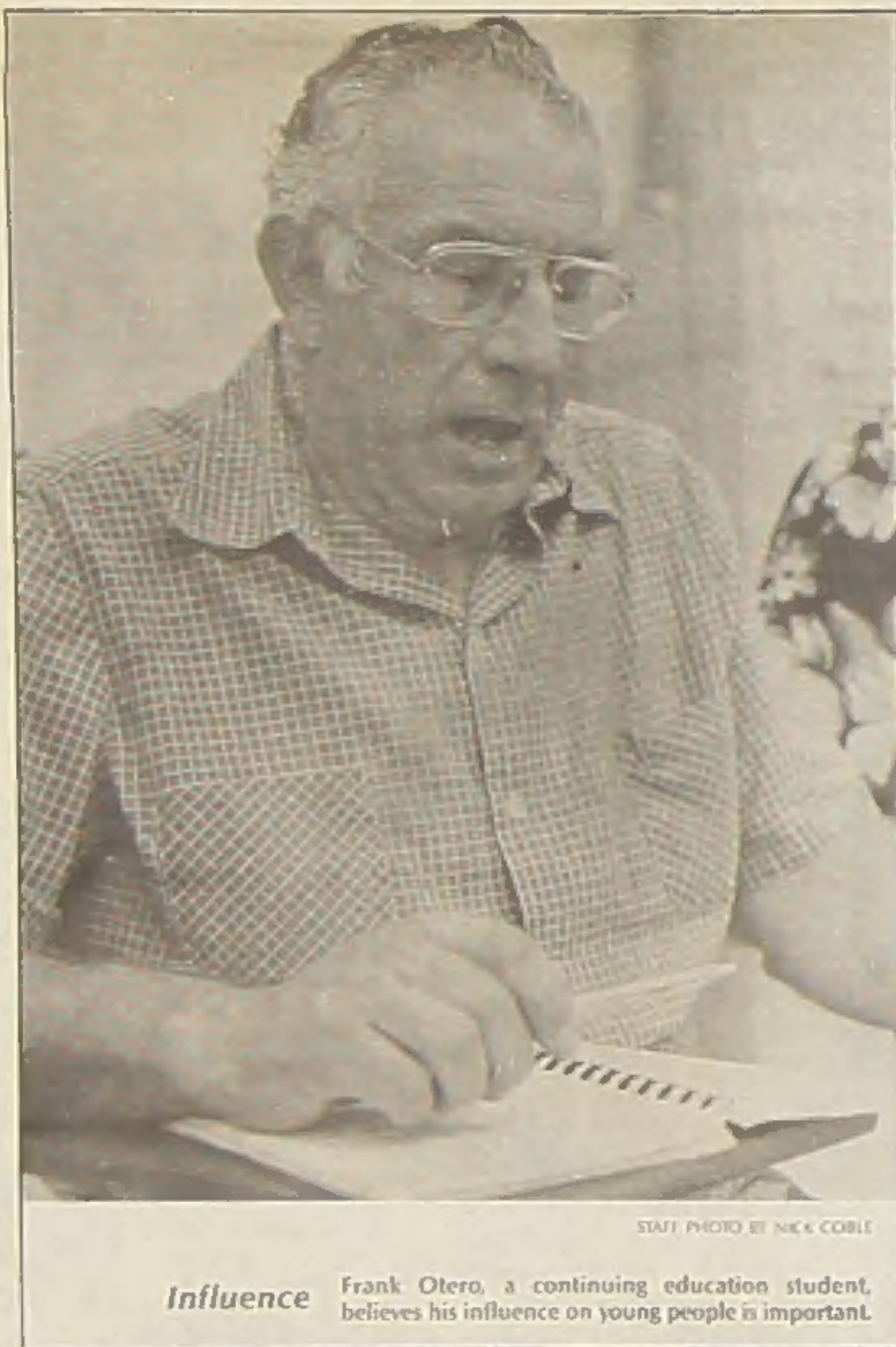
Music has always been important in Otero's life. He has been singing and playing the trumpet since the age of six. Music has provided a good outlet and an enjoyable hobby in his life.

"I have been playing the trumpet for 50 years now," Otero said. "I have a stuttering problem, and I feel I can express myself better through the trumpet than I can verbally. Singing and playing for an audience has helped me lose my fear of being in front of people."

Learning to accept himself because of his stuttering was an obstacle that Otero had to overcome. He believes that once he learned to accept himself, he was better able to control his stuttering and become more comfortable around other people.

"I have learned to overlook my problems, and so have others," Otero said. "People who know me respect me for who I am, and I can't let things that I cannot change bring me down or slow me down."

Helping others is important to Otero. He knows that having an influence on young people is a factor that brings much



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

#### Influence

Frank Otero, a continuing education student, believes his influence on young people is important.

joy into his life. He has accomplished this by forming and leading a musical group called The Sounds of Brass and Ivory, made mostly of college students.

"I started the group 16 years ago," he said. "I enjoy being with young people who can play along with me. I always like it a lot more when I am playing with someone else."

Otero has taken his group across the United States performing gospel songs for church services and religious concerts. His group changes every year as students

graduate, move, or start musical careers of their own. Members of the group have been from both Southern and Ozark Christian College in Joplin.

"I am not trying to 'blow my own horn,' but I have been told that I have had a big impact on a lot of students who have been in my group or who have known me," he said. "Being an influence and receiving cards and letters from former students makes me feel that I have accomplished a lot and that my work with them has been successful."

## Education major returns to school to reach goals

Betzer believes progress requires good teachers

BY KATY HURN  
STAFF WRITER

For Donna Betzer, teaching has remained a goal for most of her life.

"I've known I wanted to be a teacher since I was 12," said Betzer, a non-traditional, elementary education major at Missouri Southern. "I like the idea of helping someone else. I get a satisfaction out of helping people."

Another reason Betzer wants to teach is that she enjoys working with children. "They're so honest with adults," she said.

She believes grade-school children are easier to work with and are flexible. "They're not set in their ideas like high school students," said Betzer.

Betzer views grade-school children as a challenge to teach because they have a shorter attention span than adults.

"I think it's extremely important to make a class interesting because a child will just block you out and not listen," she said. "In the lower grades you'd really have to keep it interesting to get kids to participate."

Betzer hopes to complete her degree in two more years and would like to teach in the Carl Junction school system.

"It's not too far from where I live," she said. "I like the school, the teachers, and the curriculum."

Betzer also says she likes Carl Junction schools because because they are small and teachers can "become more one-to-one with students than at a larger school."

She believes it is important for children to be encouraged to learn and that good teachers are a necessity.

"In order for us to go forward in society it is important to have teachers that can do their job well," said Betzer.

Several members of Betzer's family chose to teach, also. Her grandfather taught in a one-room school in Galena, Mo. Currently, her sister teaches business and home economics at the high school in Noble, Okla., and her brother-in-law teaches grade school.

Graduating from Commerce (Okla.) High School in 1968, Betzer married and attended Northeastern Oklahoma College, majoring in elementary education. After one year in college, she elected to



Donna Betzer

be a housewife. She and her husband moved to Joplin in 1977 with their two daughters. Betzer returned to school as a part-time student at Southern in 1983.

"I decided to come back now because I realized that I wanted to accomplish my goal that I had put off for several years," she said.

Betzer chose to attend Southern because it is close to her home. She says she has enjoyed the College.

"I like the teachers," she said. "I think it's a pretty friendly atmosphere here."

Attending college as a non-traditional student does not make her uncomfortable.

"There are at least one or two out of every class that are my age," she said. "I can get along with just about anybody."

"If the teachers are my age they can relate better to me," said Betzer.

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## Top gun

Junior quarterback Alan Brown will lead Missouri Southern's football Lions against Washburn Saturday. Brown has completed 138 of 265 passes for 1,035 yards and nine touchdowns. The Homecoming game begins at 2:30 p.m. in Hughes Stadium.

## High-powered offenses to collide here Saturday

Washburn is Southern's Homecoming opponent

BY GORDON NOAH  
STAFF WRITER

Someone once said, "When it rains, it pours." Missouri Southern will have to weather another storm Saturday as it plays host to Washburn University during Homecoming weekend.

Kickoff is slated for 2:30 p.m. at Fred Hughes Stadium.

Saturday's match-up looks to be an exciting and high-scoring event. The Ichabods average 427 yards per game, compared to the Lions' 357-yard average.

"This is the biggest test we've had all year," said Larry Elliott, Washburn head coach. "Southern's offense is tops in the conference. We respect them very much."

Both teams will put on an aerial show as Southern fires more than 50 passes per game, while Washburn airs it out about 35 times per game.

"We throw the ball to set up the run," said Elliott. "We'll do whatever we have to do to win. I just hope the game is over before midnight."

Said Bill Cooke, Southern head coach, "Our only weakness on offense is execution. We had a lot of turnovers last week (seven interceptions in a 38-18 loss to Kearney State), but that's going to happen when you pass 50 times a game. No one can stop our passing game. We have a great quarterback and great receivers."

Junior quarterback Alan Brown has thrown for 1,635 yards this season, including nine touchdowns. Freshman wide receiver Dennis Browning has 36 catches for 632 yards. Senior wide-out Donley Hurd has 26 catches for 378 yards, while freshman Heath Helzel has 11 receptions.

Washburn has its own potent attack, led by senior wide receiver Troy Slusser.

Slusser has caught 94 passes in his career at Washburn for 2,041 yards. He is the first Ichabod to surpass 2,000 yards. Slusser has caught at least one pass in 11 consecutive games, including 50 receptions in the last eight games for 1,034 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Slusser is the recipient of senior quarterback Barry Griffiths, who has thrown for 1,516 yards this season and 11 touchdowns.

"We've set all kinds of records," said Elliott. "I think we have a good corp of receivers that can catch the ball very well. If you double or triple team Troy, we'll just go to somebody else."

To counter the Ichabod attack, Cooke has made some defensive changes.

Freshman James Holdman will start at the right corner position. Junior Darrell Erhart will move to free safety, while senior running back James Galloway will occupy the strong safety position.

"Our greatest concern is defense right now," said Cooke. "We've elevated freshmen to starting spots to get more speed where we need it. We have a lot of young, hungry guys that want the upperclassmen's jobs. You have to decide when to build for the future."

"It's not like we're giving up on the upperclassmen, but if they're not getting the job done, then you have to try something else."

"They still bring leadership to the team. You have to remember that a lot of the seniors are hurt and playing with a lot of pain. We're just not playing well."

## My Opinion



### Homecoming brings back memories

Whenever I think of Homecoming, I think of a time of returning. It means the return of friends of the College. In many ways, it's a time to remember past accomplishments and the successes of the College. It's a time to pat ourselves on the back and remember. Many of those successes have been on the field and on the court.

In my opinion, the greatest of those accomplishments was actually an entire career. Lion diehards recall the name of tailback Harold Noifalisse. Not many Southern fans can spell his name, but they remember his achievements.

Noifalisse ran for 3,564 yards and scored 44 touchdowns during his four seasons as a Lion (1981-84). It was his strength and ability to drag tacklers down the field that is most memorable to me. And who can ever forget Noifalisse ripping through the Pittsburg State defense for 244 yards in a 21-13 win in 1983?

Another football favorite of mine is Vincent Featherston, who caught passes for Southern from 1976-79. What might be most memorable about Featherston was his skill as a kickoff-return man. In 1978-79, it was Featherston who averaged more than 30 yards per return. Four of those returns ended up in the opposing team's end zone.

My memory of Featherston was "torn up" so to speak. He would run to the sidelines for a new jersey two or three times a game because his had been torn to shreds.

Between the ages of seven and 11, I watched Harvey Derrick boot his way into Lion history. The Southern kicker holds the record for the longest field goal at 57 yards. Derrick's kick was against Doane College in 1975. I think I was there with my dad when Derrick made his kick, but I also think I was at Don Larsen's perfect game in 1956.

There is more to Southern's history than the skill players. There were also some greats who played their entire career in the trenches—on the offensive line.

The "trench players" I remember are Greg Brown and Billy Jack Smith. Smith, an all-conference offensive tackle, and Brown, the guard who played on the same side, led the way for Noifalisse time and time again. But because they are not skill players, few people remember players like Smith and Brown. This was the least I could do.

When it comes to defense, the name I remember is defensive back Glen Baker. Baker, who had 11 interceptions in 1983, stopped several long drives with his play. In that same season, I remember a game in which he picked off four Central Missouri passes, helping the Lions to a 28-10 victory.

In 1975, Southern let Terry Joyce punt his way to All-American status. With an average of more than 43 yards, Joyce set a record with a kick covering 72 yards against Fort Hays.

With Homecoming is the likelihood of teams scheduling weak opponents. Take the University of Georgia. They play William and Mary this year, and Kansas State seems to play everyone's homecoming. Southern has not been so fortunate this season. They play the wicked Ichabods at Washburn.

Then again, the Lions have compiled a 14-6 record in Homecoming games. Although Southern has lost two of the last three Homecoming games, the game has traditionally been tight on the scoreboard.

But there's more to Southern's Homecoming than a football game. It's the return—the coming home that is most important.

□ Rob Smith is editor-in-chief of The Chart.



## Break for goal

A Missouri Southern soccer player makes a break for the goal in a game against Westminster College that ended in a 4-1 Southern victory last Saturday.

## 'Poor performance' results in 2-2 tie with John Brown

Soccer team plays at Missouri Valley Saturday

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Although Missouri Southern took an early lead in yesterday's match against John Brown University, the game still ended in a 2-2 tie.

"I didn't think we played well," said Jack Spurlin, head coach. "Our defense did not mark their men properly, and they (JBU) scored."

Spurlin said the team had intense practices following the Rockhurst game to try and get its enthusiasm built back up. But he said the team just did not play its best against JBU.

"We played all right, but we should have finished better," said sophomore Mike Prater.

Last Saturday, the Lions beat Westminster College 4-1. Spurlin called the game a "walkover," but said the team still

"It was real disappointing. We had it in twice, but after we scored, we let up."

—Chuck Mathis, sophomore soccer Lion

The first half remained scoreless, despite several close shots on Southern's part. During the second half, two yellow cards were given. The first went to JBU, which resulted in a penalty kick for the Lions as Jeff Malasek scored their first goal. However, JBU quickly retaliated to tie the score.

"We had excellent opportunities to score, but we didn't make it," said Spurlin.

The game went on into two 10-minute overtime periods and in the second, the Lions were the first to score. John Brown also nailed an additional goal during the second period.

"It was real disappointing," said Chuck Mathis, sophomore. "We had it in twice, but after we scored, we let up."

Spurlin attributes the team's "poor performance" to a loss of intensity after tying Rockhurst College 1-1 last week.

"Everyone was so built up before Rock and when we tied it, it was a big let-down," he said.

played as if the season is over.

"We played good soccer for the first 11 minutes of the game; that is when we scored all our goals," said Spurlin.

With a record of 10-2-2, the soccer Lions are focusing on Saturday's district competition against Missouri Valley. The Lions are currently 5-0-1 in the district. According to Spurlin, this game is important in deciding who will participate in district playoff games.

"If we continue to play like we have been, we may not make it to districts," he said.

"We have got to win this one," said Prater.

Spurlin still thinks it is too early to speculate as to what teams will be involved in the district playoffs. He said he thinks the Lions have had an excellent season thus far.

"I will be really disappointed if we don't get our intensity back to do well in the district games," he said.

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